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	Cents	Dollars
96° Centrifugal N. E.	per lb per ton	
Price, Hawaiian basis	5.048	\$109.90
Last previous quotation.	5.38	\$107.60

GERMANY IS READY TO DISCUSS PEACE WITH EACH OR ALL OF ENEMY POWERS

Treaty That Will Give the Teutons Lasting Tranquility Desirable and Proposals Along This Line Will Get Attention

IMPERIAL CHANCELLOR MAKES THE PROPOSITION

Fatherland Prepared To Continue Conflict But Will Not Stand In Way of Adjustment That Preserves Its National Pride

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
BERLIN, December 10.—A peace that will give Germany assurance that there will be no later resumption of the war will be a peace acceptable to Germany, and Germany is ready to listen to peace proposals along that line, according to an important statement made by the imperial chancellor, von Bethmann-Hollweg, in an address before the Reichstag yesterday.

The first move for peace must come from the enemy, he stated, Germany being ready to listen to proposals from any of the individual powers now at war with her, or from representatives of the enemy as a whole.

"Germany is fighting a war of defense," stated the chancellor, "and is victoriously defending her borders against the attacks of several foes. Germany is prepared to continue to carry on the war. The food supply of the nation is sufficient to meet all the necessary demands upon it, and the rumors that are abroad that Germany is on the verge of a collapse is only a part of the campaign to sustain the spirit of the allies in the face of numerous and costly defeats."

"The British Gazette has admitted that it was England which went to war with Germany, joining with others as the only way in which it could secure mastery over Germany. The excuse of England, that she came into the war in defense of Belgian neutrality, has had to be relinquished. Peace Must Be Permanent."

"Economically, today Belgium has been restored almost to the normal. Poland, under German administration, is being reconstructed. Germany has been triumphant in every campaign."

"If our enemies make peace proposals which are compatible with German dignity and national safety, we shall always be ready to discuss them," said the chancellor in conclusion. "Conscious of military success, Germany declines to accept the responsibility of a continuation of the war, but only a peace that assures Germany that there will be no return of the war will be considered."

MILITARY COURSE FOR STUDENTS AT HARVARD

Eleven Hundred Students Are Enrolled For Elective Study

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
CAMBRIDGE, December 10.—A course in military training has been added to the Harvard university curriculum and the first call for candidates for the drill classes was responded to yesterday, when twelve hundred of the students came forward and announced their readiness to take the elective course.

These candidates will be divided into companies and lectures and practical instruction will be given them, Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, Captain Dorey and other regular army officers to be the instructors.

A students committee, headed by Archie Roosevelt, son of Theodore Roosevelt, issued the call for volunteers for the drill classes.

PRESENT PARLIAMENT EXTENDED ONE YEAR

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, December 10.—A bill to continue the life of the present parliament beyond the term of five years, in order that there may be a postponement of any general election until after the close of the war, was introduced yesterday into the house of commons and will undoubtedly be passed. The bill extends the present parliament until January 31, 1917, which gives a period of thirteen months during which to bring the war to a close.

VON BETHMANN-HOLLWEG, German Chancellor, Who Announces Kaiser's Willingness To Hear Peace Proposals



FEDERATION OF LABOR DENIES TAKING BRIBES

Federal Attorney Accuses Officers of Taking German Gold

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
NEW YORK, December 10.—Public accusations made by United States District Attorney Marshall, in charge of the presentation of the "war plot" evidence before the federal grand jury, that the members of the executive committee of the American Federation of Labor's peace council have been corrupted by German funds are bitterly resented by the ones accused. The federal officers, in public statement, declare that he has evidence to show that the members of this committee have accepted bribes from the German corruption fund and in return have instigated strikes in a number of the American munition factories and in establishments filling orders for export to the Allies.

At a meeting of this executive committee yesterday, a resolution was passed denouncing the charges of the district attorney as false, slanderous and libelous.

The resolution also praised the efforts being made by Henry Ford to bring about peace in Europe, denounced the program proposed by President Wilson for an increase in the strength of the standing army and declared the intention of the committee to continue working for peace despite the construction placed upon the activities of the members.

INSURANCE BUREAU REDUCES WAR RATES

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, December 9.—The government war risk bureau, formed to underwrite American shipping at a time when the war risks were high on account of German raiders being at large, today announced a reduction of insurance rates between non-belligerent ports of the western hemisphere from a quarter per cent to five cents per \$100. Between the west coast ports of the United States and Japan and China the reduction is from ten cents to five cents per \$100.

A new rate of fifteen cents per \$100 between ports of the United States and belligerent ports of the western hemisphere was announced.

BRITISH AND GREEK STEAMERS ARE SUNK

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, December 10.—The British steamer Veria, 2004 tons, bound for Genoa, has been submerged and sunk in the Mediterranean. It is also reported that a Greek steamer, the Douladris, has been attacked and sunk. No report concerning possible losses of life has been received.

JAPAN BUILDS SHIPS

(Special Cable to Hawaii Hechi.)
TOKYO, December 9.—Admiral T. Kato, minister of the navy, declared today before the house of commons that the Japanese naval policy calls for immediate construction of three battleships and four cruisers.

AMERICAN PROTEST REGARDING ANCONA IS SOUNDLY BASED

Official Report On Sinking of Liner Lays Foundation for Washington Note

LIVES OF PASSENGERS MUST NOT BE SACRIFICED

Vienna Admits Steamer Was Torpedoed Before All Persons Were Taken Off

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, December 10.—It was announced at the state department yesterday that the main basis of the American protest and demands in the note recently despatched to Vienna in connection with the shelling and torpedoing of the Italian passenger liner Ancona, is in the admission officially made by the Austrian admiralty that the liner was torpedoed before all the passengers had been taken off.

The American contention, upon which is based the demands for an avowal of the act of the commander of the Austrian submarine, an agreement to make suitable reparation for the Americans who were killed or drowned and a pledge that such an act shall not be repeated by Austria-Hungary, is that passenger carrying ships must not be shelled or torpedoed by submarines of any nationality until all passengers have been taken off, regardless of whether the passenger carrier stops at the first warning given or attempts to escape by flight.

VIENNA STATEMENT OF ANCONA CASE

The official statement of the Ancona case, as issued by the Austro-Hungarian foreign office and transmitted by Ambassador Penfield, is:

"Submarine fired warning shots across bow of steamer, whereupon latter fled at full speed. She thus carried out instructions officially given all Italian steamers at beginning of war to attempt escape upon being held up by submarines, or to ram, according to the position of the latter."

"Escaping steamer pursued and fired on by submarine, but did not stop until receiving several hits. Forty-five minutes given passengers and crew to leave ship, on which the greatest panic reigned."

"Only a portion of boats lowered, which were occupied by members of ship's crew, who pulled hurriedly away. Great portion of boats, which would apparently have sufficed, for rescue of all hands, not occupied."

"After about fifty minutes submarine submerged on account of rapidly approaching vessel, torpedoed Ancona, which did not sink until further lapse of forty-five minutes. If many passengers lost lives, blame rests entirely with crew, because instead of stopping upon warning shot, fled and compelled submarine to fire and because crew endeavoring to save only themselves and not passengers, for which there was ample time and means."

"Story that submarine fired upon loaded boats and people in water is malicious fabrication, for reason ammunition was too valuable for submarine, if for no other reason. No other shot fired after vessel stopped."

EXPORT FOOD STUFFS DOUBLE IN VALUE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, December 10.—The exportation of food stuff from the United States so far this year has been more than double the exportation during the corresponding period of 1914, in a comparison of the total values. For the ten months ending November 1 of this year, according to the statistics just issued by the department of commerce, the value of the exported food stuffs is \$679,000,000, while for the first ten months of 1914 the total value of the same class of exports amounted to only \$318,000,000.

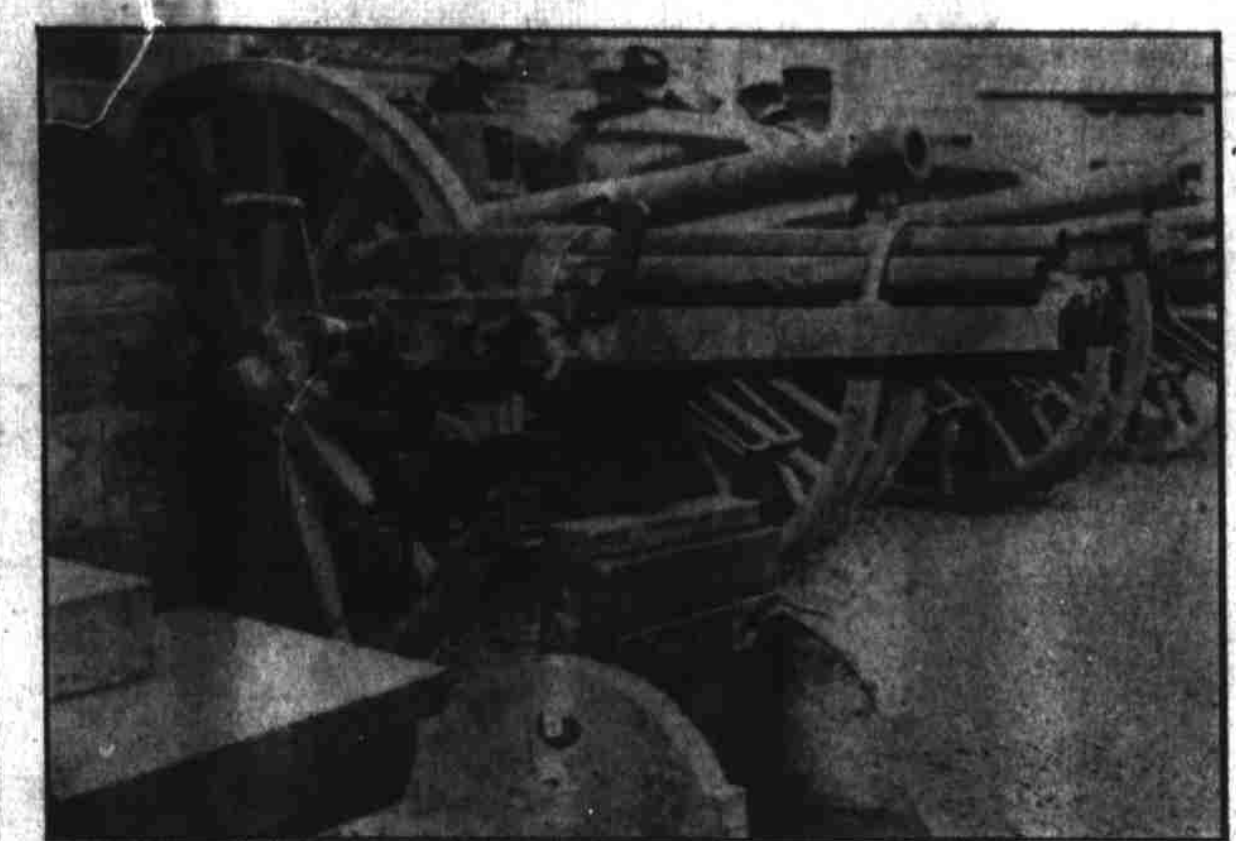
BUTTERFLY FLITS FROM PETROGRAD TO LONDON

(Special Cable to Nippon Jiji.)
SAN FRANCISCO, December 9.—Tamaki Mura, the Japanese soprano, who is now appearing in Madame Butterfly in the East, will leave this month for Petrograd, where she will appear in a number of concerts. From Russia she will go to London and will then tour United States. She is expected to arrive in Honolulu some time in April or May of next year.

GERMAN STAFF IS CAPTURED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
PETROGRAD, December 9.—A Russian detachment by a daring night raid has captured the entire staff of the eighty-second German army division. Two generals are among the high staff officers taken.

REVOLVING Rifle With Five Chambers, Late Invention In French In Artois District and Now On Exhibition In Paris



BRITISH REALIGN THEIR POSITIONS

Appearance of German and Bulgarian Troops On Greek Border Forces Changes

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, December 10.—The appearance of both German and Bulgarian troops on the Greek border southeast of Monastir has forced a realignment of the British, who are on the left of the Allies' Vardar line, a retirement to prevent any successful attempt at flanking being made.

There has been no clash on the British section of the line, but a battle of large proportions has been waged on the Allies' right, between the French and the main Bulgarian army, which has been concentrating in the Strumitza region. The Bulgars have been attempting to turn the French flank, so far unsuccessfully.

Athens despatches state that the French artillery has overwhelmed the Bulgars, decimating the ranks of the attacking regiments, while an official Bulgarian report announces that one battalion of the French, in hand to hand fighting with the Bulgars, has been wiped out by Bulgarian bayonets.

French troops for the Allies continue to be landed at Salonika and the information from Athens is that it is believed there that an offensive campaign is soon to be made.

It is stated here that a total of 220,000 Serbian troops escaped from their captured country and retired into Albania.

Nothing is reported from Gallipoli, but an official Turkish communication announces that a Turkish expedition has started in Arabia against the British garrison at Aden, on the Gulf of Aden.

LAST ARMY OF VILLA MEETS WITH DISASTER

Caught Between Two Fires, Defeated and Scattered

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
DOUGLAS, December 10.—Villa's last army, that under the command of General Rodriguez, has been defeated and scattered, after it had attempted to capture the town of Fronteras. The Villistas, after driving the army of General Calles south and burning the railroad bridges, advanced against Fronteras, where General Flores had a small command. Calles, reinforced, turned and rushed to Flores relief, the Villistas being caught between the fire of the garrison and that of the relieving force.

When the battle was over, more than three hundred Villistas were dead upon the field, while a hundred others were prisoners. The balance of the Villistas, some 3600, were scattered. A pursuit of the defeated force is being kept up.

A hospital train is being pushed from this point to Fronteras, where there are hundreds of intended wounded.

RUSSIAN ARMY ADVANCING

LONDON, December 10.—Despatches from Tcheran, Persia, say that a Russian army is advancing towards Hamadan, Northern Persia, having met and defeated a force of 1700 Turks and Germans and captured the Turkish positions near Aveh.

BOOM CITY WIPED OUT BY BIG FIRE

Thousands Are Made Homeless and Money Loss Is Estimated At \$3,000,000

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
HOPEWELL, VIRGINIA, December 10.—This city, which sprang into prominence through the boom created by the establishment of a large branch of the Dupont Powder Company's plant, has been wiped out by fire, which started yesterday afternoon and swept through the wooden buildings which made up the boom city, being beyond control almost from the start.

The town has been almost completely destroyed and thousands have been rendered homeless. The money loss is estimated at three million dollars.

In the confusion of the fire, when the residents were hurrying their household goods and stocks to the open outskirts of the town to save them from the flames, looting on the part of the negroes broke out. One looter, caught in the act, was lynched last night, while others have been driven out of the town at the point of the gun.

The factory has not been affected by the fire, the powder works being separated from the town proper by a wide stretch of vacant ground, left as a fire belt and as a section easily watched by the armed patrols maintained by the management.

A small force of militia has been sent here to aid the local police in maintaining order.

NEW SHIPPING BOARD REGULATES SEA RATES

Rehabilitation of Merchant Marine Begins Soon

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, December 10.—The full details of the Administration's plan for the rehabilitation of the American merchant marine have not as yet been worked out and it is not probable that the measure to replace the Ship Purchase Bill will be introduced until after the first of the year.

One of the questions yet to be decided is whether the proposed law will make it obligatory to man the ships purchased under it wholly with American crews.

The bill proposes to clothe the federal shipping board, to be created by the bill, with the same right to regulate rates to be charged by shipping as the interstate commerce commission now has to regulate the rates to be charged by common carriers ashore.

NEW SPANISH PREMIER ANNOUNCES HIS POLICY

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
MADRID, December 10.—Count Alvaro de Romanones has been called upon by King Alfonso to form a ministry, succeeding Premier Dato, who recently resigned because of a lack of parliamentary support for his military program. Count Alvaro has accepted the task and is now selecting his cabinet. He announces that his foreign policy will be identical with that of his predecessor in office.

German Artillery, Captured By French In Artois District and Now On Exhibition In Paris



SMALL SUBMARINES WILL BE ABANDONED

Secretary of Navy Awards Contracts For Building Two New Battleships

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, December 10.—The United States will build no more small submarines, either for coast defense or cruising, while the smaller submarines now on the navy list will be scrapped as soon as it is possible to replace them with the new design adopted.

This was the official intimation given yesterday, when Secretary Daniels announced that he was ready to receive bids on two twenty-five-knot submarines, the bids to be opened on February 16, which, as in the case in the eighteen other submarines included in President Wilson's preparedness program, are to be of 1300 tons, with a length of 250 feet.

It is possible that these submarines will be equipped with steam turbine engines for surface steaming.

The largest submarines at present on the navy list are only a few tons larger than half the size of the new type of submarine to be built, being of 740 tons submerged displacement.

Secretary Daniels also announced yesterday that he had awarded the contracts for the building of the battleships No. 43 and No. 44 on the naval program, the contracts going to the Norfolk navy yard and to the Mare Island navy yard respectively. The bid of the Norfolk yard was \$7,900,925, the Mare Island bid for its battleship contract being \$7,413,156.

The bids for the private yards in every instance exceeded the limit placed upon the work by congress.

The keels for the new battleships will be laid, probably, in August or September.

SEARS AND LUDLOW JOIN GREAT MAJORITY

Careers of Two Famous Navy Men Ended By Grim Reaper

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, December 10.—Death closed the careers of two famous naval officers yesterday, Commodore James Hamilton Sears, U. S. N., retired, dying at the age of sixty, and Rear Admiral Nicoll Ludlow, U. S. N., dying at the age of seventy-three.

Commodore Sears was flag lieutenant on the U. S. S. Brooklyn on the staff of Commodore Schley during the Spanish American war, and served later as naval attaché at the American embassies at Tokyo and Peking. He commanded the China squadron in 1907-8.

Rear Admiral Ludlow had a Civil War record, being an ensign on the U. S. S. Wachusett, with the Brazilian squadron in 1863, when the Confederate cruiser Florida was captured at the harbor of Bahia. Later he saw active service while on the monitor Dictator, and was one of the officers on the Monitor USS. In 1865, when she made the passage from New York to San Francisco, he was three years governor of the naval home at Philadelphia, following his retirement in 1899.

FOUR GERMAN SEAMEN ARE TAKEN PRISONERS ABOARD ONE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
NEW YORK, December 10.—Patroling French cruisers yesterday stopped two American steamers, bound from this port for Ponce, Porto Rico, and searched each vessel, going over the passenger lists and manifests.

From the Coama, which was overhauled and stopped by the French cruiser Descartes, four members of the stoker gang, all Germans, were taken and sent aboard the cruiser as prisoners. The Carolina, the second steamer stopped, lost none of her complement. There is no disposition here to question the right of search at sea, under certain circumstances.

CAUSES OF RECENT BREAKDOWN ABOARD MINNESOTA AT SEA STILL IS A MYSTERY

Captain Garlick, Master of Great Steamer, Refuses To Be Interviewed By Newspaper Men Who Go Out To Big Liner

SPRECKELS TAKES PARTY TO SEA IN PRIVATE YACHT

Reporters Not Allowed To Board the Vessel, Which Will Reach the Port of San Diego Today In Tow of Two Powerful Tugs

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

SAN FRANCISCO, December 10.—Mystery continues to cloud the cause of the recent breakdown at sea of the engines of the American liner Minnesota, shortly after she had sailed from Seattle for London with a cargo of foodstuffs for the British government, Captain Garlick refusing to be interviewed by a number of newspaper men who reached the Minnesota yesterday.

The visit of the press representatives was made aboard the private yacht of John D. Spreckels, the Venetia, which was taken out by the owner to meet the helpless liner.

Men Aboard Yacht Ignored
The Venetia found the Minnesota some 550 miles south of this port, but Captain Garlick refused to meet either Mr. Spreckels or any of the newspaper men, remaining in his cabin all the time the Venetia steamed alongside his ship, while the newspaper men were not allowed to board the mammoth liner.

Even the attempts to secure information from the members of the crew on deck were fruitless, the sailors and officers refusing to answer any of the questions shouted at them, acting evidently under orders to communicate nothing to anyone regarding the trouble which had broken out aboard. One Sailor In Ship's Brig
The one bit of information secured by the reporters was in response to a megaphone question:

"What has been done with the sailors who said, before the ship sailed from Seattle, that she would never reach London?"

One of the seamen on deck pointed to the hold, this being taken to mean that this man is one of the three said to be in irons in the ship's brig, suspected of being the plotters who put chemicals in the fresh water supply for the boilers and put the boilers all out of commission.

Master Holds Own Counsel
Captain Mitchell of the tug Iguazu, one of the two towing the great liner back to port, said that he had been unable to get any information from Captain Garlick, who would not talk of the causes of the breakdown in the engine room now indicative to which port he was having the liner towed.

When the Venetia reached the Minnesota, the port engines were working, temporary repairs to the boilers having been effected.

Due On Port Today
The Minnesota is due to be off San Diego at five o'clock this morning, and will reach this port on Tuesday, it being probable that the repairs to her boilers will be made here.

The tug Sea Rover is expected to reach the Minnesota early this morning to assist in the big towing task.

FRENCH CRUISERS STOP TWO AMERICAN VESSELS

Four German Seamen Are Taken Prisoners Aboard One

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